

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM, SUCCESSOR TO GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED, AND MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-41
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ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

(Issued September 12, 2000)

On July 21, 2000, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-00-41. On August 7, 2000, the Board issued an order which gave notice to any interested party of an opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing, pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement if it finds either (1) the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed agreement does not discriminate against any other carrier and is not inconsistent with the public interest and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The negotiated interconnection agreement filed on July 21, 2000, by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., is approved to be effective upon issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12th day of September, 2000.